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MEMORANDUM FOR: The Comptroller

1. During the discussions with the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Saturday, I received the impression that much of the apparent confusion and misunderstanding resulted from the format in which we present our budget. It may well be, however, that no one was confused but me and that these are Mr. Cannon's normal techniques.

2. In any event, I wish you would have your people consider the desirability of revising the format of our budget to present a clearer picture of just what we are buying with the money we ask for. If there are compelling security reasons why this should not be done, please let me know of them.

3. It may be that we purposely make the budget confusing as part of a cover plan -- if this is so, please clue me in on it (i.e., make me witting). Naturally all I am asking for now is a rough draft which we can discuss with the Director.

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